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Applicant: LEPSIUS, et al.
Title: USE OF A FILM WITH ANCHORING
ELEMENTS FOR A MECHANIC
FIXATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

a. This application is a U.S. National Stage application
filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No.
PCT/EP00/05339, claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and
365 of PCT/EP00/05339, filed June 9, 2000, in the European
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